[Mr. V. Subba Aiyar.]

Store Rules.

117. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances and the special reasons that led to the passing of the Store Rules and the date on which they were passed?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that some Heads of Departments have violated the provision of the Store Rules and made direct purchases of clothing required for the Excise, Police and Forest Departments during 1099, from foreign firms?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to issue orders to them not to violate the provisions of the Store Rules in future?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Store Rules were introduced by the Government, as there were no clear rules regulating the purchase of stores for the departments of the Government. They were published in the Government Notification No. Fl. 2083, dated the 16th December, 1921.

(*b*) Government are not aware of the Store Rules having been departed from by Heads of Departments without the special sanction of Government.

(*c*) No department has the power to deviate from the Store Rules without the sanction of Government.

LEGISLATION.

***The Travancore Village Panchayat Bill.*—(Contd.)**

PRESIDENT: We will now proceed with the consideration of the Village Panchayat Bill.

Clause 47.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, we were considering Clause 47 the other day, and Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai suggested that the provision as to taxation should be similar to the one in the Municipal Regulation and that the Village Panchayat should be in a position to decide as to which particular form of tax it would levy. I accept that suggestion and beg to move the following for Clause 47 of the Bill:—

"*Any Village Panchayat—*

(*a*) *after observing such preliminary procedure as may be prescribed,*

(*b*) *subject to such rules as may be prescribed,*

(*c*) *subject to such bye-laws as may be framed by the Panchayat and* (*d*) *subject to the previous sanction of Our Government,*

may impose at such rates not exceeding the maxima prescribed all or any one or more of the following:

(*1*) *a cess on land,*

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